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SUBJ: EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE DCA'S AND AMERICAN "GUARANTEES"

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1. THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENTS (DCA'S) SIGNED WITH BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY AND THE SUBJECT OF AMERICAN "GUARANTEES" TO GREECE CONTINUE TO PROVOKE TURKISH EDITORIAL COMMENTARY:

A. MILLIYET'S ABDI IPEKCI (WHO OPPOSES THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT) CRITICIZED APRIL 28 THE TWO AGREEMENTS, ARGUING THAT SINCE TURKEY "REQUIRES FOUR TIMES THE DEFENSE EXPENSES OF GREECE," THE AGREEMENTS UPSET, RATHER THAN PROTECT, THE MILITARY BALANCE IN FAVOR OF GREECE. IPEKCI CONCLUDED THAT SINCE THE CONTINUATION OF THE EMBARGO ALSO FAVORS GREECE, THE GOG IS NOT OPPOSED TO THE CONGRESS

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VOTING DOWN BOTH DCA'S.

B. PRO-OPPOSITION REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP)

BARIS APRIL 26 AWRNED GREECE "NTT TO DEPEND ON THE GUARANTEES OF GREAT NATIONS" AND RECALLED THAT THE INVASION OF ANATILIA WAS DEFEATED EVEN THOUGH GREECE HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE. THE EDITORIAL STATED THAT TURKEY DOES NOT SEEK A MILITARY SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTES, BUT THE NON-AGGRESSION PACT PROPOSAL "IS A FORM OF PROPAGANDA. SUCH PACTS CAN ONLY BE FORMED WHEN NO PROBLEMS EXIST BETWEEN COUNTRIES; YET CYPRUS, THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF AS WELL AS THE FIR AGREEMENTS REMAIN UNSOLVED."

C. ON APRIL 27 BARIS EDITORIALIZED AGAINST THE U.S.

"GUARANTEE" TO GREECE AND NOTED THAT TURKEY ALSO OPPOSED A MILITARY SOLUTION. THE EDITORIAL NOTED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER URGED BOTH SIDES TO REFRAIN FROM "PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS," BUT "IS ARMING THE DODECANESE ISLANDS NOT PROVOCATIVE ACTIVITY? BITSIOS IS CORRESPONDING WITH KISSINGER ON THIS SUBJECT. IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR HIM TO CORRESPOND WITH CAGLAYANGIL ALSO ON THIS SUBJECT."

D. METIN TOKER IN APRIL 25 HURRIYET ADOPTED A MORE FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE NON-AGGRESSION PACT PROPOSAL, URGING THAT THE OFFER NOT BE CONSIDERED A "TRAP." THE PRIMIN SHOULD "SHAKE THE GREEK PRIMIN'S OUTSTRETCHED HAND, WITHOUT LOSING TIME AND WITHOUT DELAY, BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER HANDS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE TURKEY WHICH ARE GRABBING TURKEY'S THROAT."

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